This interview was sourced from Nicolò Bongiorno's video and the original interview book written by the famous journalist Roberto Gervaso. It comes from the archives of Nicolò Bongiorno, the director of the well-known documentary about Gustavo Adolfo Rol (Rol - A World Behind the World. Refer to the links in the footnotes.)[1]

It includes extra material that was not fully included in the main documentary. The video link, is available in the description below.[2]

The journalist Roberto Gervaso in the video is the one who interviewed Rol in the late 1970s. Thanks to the audio recordings collected during the interview, it has been recreated.

The following interview has been reconstructed primarily from the original audio recordings and the interview book, revealing some of Rol's key thoughts.

The original version of this interview, including the authentic audio recordings, is available at the following link in footnotes.[3]

In this interview, among other things, Rol's religious beliefs emerge. For some unclear parts the transcription of the original interview/book was used.

The name of the book containing the interview is

"La pulce nell'orecchio: Interviste famose" by Roberto Gervaso

(1979. The publishing house is Rusconi Editore).

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Interview

Gervaso: Rol do you believe?

Rol: Yes, I believe in one God. Creator of the universe, inspirer of justice and compassion.

Gervaso: Why do you think God exists?

Rol: It's an innate certainty in me. When I heard talking for the first time about God, I felt that thing to be natural.

Gervaso: And when someone denies his existence?

Rol: When I heard someone deny that, that let me realize that faith was a gift that was given to me.

Gervaso: Does the idea of God really free the mind from torments and the heart from immense loneliness?

Rol: As for myself, it is certainly thanks to faith that, in hardships, my mind does not know any torment, nor my heart loneliness.
In any case, believing in a rightful and restoring God comforts and assists.

Gervaso: Do you agree with Schopenhauer when he says that the Religions are like fireflies: they need darkness to shine?

Rol: No. I agree with Einstein, who called the light "the shadow of God". True religions come from light, and in it they are exalted

Gervaso: Is there a religion, or are there many?

Rol: All religions having moral inspiration do have the same purpose.

Gervaso: Does religion needs to have more morality or more feeling?

Rol: Feeling and morality form an inseparable whole.

Gervaso: Do you believe in miracles?

Rol: Yes. And I see them frequently.

Gervaso: Is a miracle just a break of natural laws?

Rol: In a miracle, natural laws are not suspended, but overtaken, since in nature everything is energy, movement and evolution.

Gervaso: Will science and faith ever meet?

Rol: Faith in research is for the Scientist, a real true religion, faith in God for those who believe is the same as trust that the scientist has inside himself.
The meeting between science and faith can happen on the ideal level of intelligence which is constantly revealing an infinite open to man.

Gervaso: Is there any consciousness in matter?

Rol: A primordial consciousness exists and the instinct that animates and regulates its energy is proof of this,
the highest form of this consciousness and when it becomes intelligent and it is at this precise moment that man appears.

Gervaso: Is reality more inside, or outside of us?

Rol: Inside. Also due to the unconscious, depositary of knowledge.

Gervaso: Are thoughts conceivable without spirit?

Rol: No, because they will remain sterile.

Gervaso: What is the relationship between thought and the spirit that dominates it?

Rol: The same one that exists between the subjects and their prince.

Gervaso: Will science ever be able to analyse, investigate spirit?

Rol: Yes. In the precise moment in which it will identify it, I'm sure that man's anxiety will go that far.

Gervaso: How to identify with our own intelligent spirit?

Rol: Through the awareness of our own conscience.

Gervaso: Why does man fear death so much?

Rol: For the grim representation of death itself and for the separation that no philosophy is totally able to provide comfort.

Gervaso: When does a person begin to die?

Rol: Soon as you realize you're living.

Gervaso: Is death really the end of all?

Rol: Really, not for everyone.

Gervaso: How do you imagine the afterlife?

Rol: My answer would be conditioned by my Christian faith.

Gervaso: Do you often think that you have to die?

Rol: At any moment.

Gervaso: Should destiny always, and in any case, be accepted?

Rol: Destiny is the result of our choices and as such, it is impossible to reject it.

Gervaso: Is everything written?

Rol: The mextoub from the Arabs where everything is written, must not distract us from striving and acting without taking fate into account.

Gervaso: What if God as Einstein says plays dice with the world?

Rol: He'd lose all his games because God doesn't cheat.

Gervaso: Is love for everybody a duty or an instinct?

Rol: It should be an instinct, but for most men it is not even felt as a duty.

Gervaso: Should we be first rightful or first generous?

Rol: Rightful, that does not exclude generosity.

Gervaso: Is there more heaven or hell in us?

Rol: Both: in same parts.

Gervaso: When is a soul really great?

Rol: When it ignores being so.

Gervaso: Does suffering always purify?

Rol: It does purify those that can accept it.

Gervaso: Are we anyway responsible for what we do or what we don't do?

Rol: Yes, if we do it voluntarily.

Gervaso: Do you also think, with Seneca, that virtue without adversities rots?

Rol: Contrasts stimulate the courage that inspires virtue.

Gervaso: Are you more attracted by happy souls or unhappy souls?

Rol: I have always needed to complain in others my miseries, or to regret in others the lack of my joys.
Because in the misfortune of others I have seen the next end of my happiness and I felt, for others, the need that I would have later, to be commiserated too.

Gervaso: Is there progress without internal collisions, without conflict?

Rol: No.

Gervaso: Is truth or happiness better?

Rol: One does not exclude the other, conversely one complements the other. Because happiness, without truth, cannot exist.

Gervaso: Even for you, the more you judge, the less you love?

Rol: Love is prone to indulgence, and a judge, even if benevolent, must be impartial.

Gervaso: Does love make us better?

Rol: Yes.During his time...

Gervaso: Has any crisis marked the lines of your destiny?

Rol: When I was a young man, I made a slogan with which I headed my letterhead. "Fortune is God, destiny is me."
Throughout my life I have always be the creator of my crises.

Gervaso: What do you most easily let yourself be overwhelmed by?

Rol: From the feeling.

Gervaso: Do you have a lot of doubts?

Rol: Endless. The most atrocious is to have wasted, in some ways, life.

Gervaso: What in life will disarm you more?

Rol: Purity.

Gervaso: Have you lost many illusions?

Rol: Many, but I have kept the essential ones, for first hope and last resignation.

Gervaso: Can you challenge disasters, evil fate?

Rol: Not mine; it happens that when I have a feeling about those threatening others, then I will act, sometimes successfully.

Gervaso: Have you ever regretted having done good?

Rol: Never. No, not at all, if this were the case, man would do it or out of fear or hope ... acquire serenity as some kind of protection [because of the audio quality this answer is not complete].

Gervaso: Why did you call yourself "a drainpipe carrying the water falling on the roof"?

Rol: Because I'm aware that I don't even possess what I'm donating.

Gervaso: You don't want to be called a psychic nor a seer, a medium or a healer,so what are you?

Rol: I'm just a simple being, less important, but different.

Gervaso: Are your possibilities or faculties?

Rol: Possibilities.

Gervaso: And do these have a biological basis?

Rol: No, because they come from the spirit.

Gervaso: Which impulses do prompt you?

Rol: The impulses that circumstances impose me.
It is like I am suddenly committed to an endless sense of readiness, impossible to describe.
Some kind of tenderness, [not audible] of real joy, as soon as the miracle has happened, always for a reason that will be revealed later.

Gervaso: And do you act spontaneously?

Rol: Always.

Gervaso: To which extent are you the arbiter of your powers?

Rol: Since these are not powers, I cannot be the arbiter.

Gervaso: Are your experiments just a psychical manifestation?

Rol: In my experiments is the psyche that plays the role of the

gutter/drainpipe for the spirit.

Gervaso: Can you use as you wish the phenomena that manifest through you?

Rol: No, absolutely not.

Gervaso: Is it true that everything you do is surprising, including you?

Rol: It's true, and I'm often moved by it.

Gervaso: It is true that when you communicate with intelligent spirits your weight, your physical weight decreases?

Rol: It never happen to me to communicate with "intelligent spirits". It's a faculty I don't have. This is happening outside my will.
I don't think my weight is decreasing, because I don't go into a trance, nor do I feel excessive tiredness.

Gervaso: And is it true that your heart rate is changing?

Rol: It can swing, but without altering, as it happens during an emotion.

Gervaso: Is the trust and optimism of those who watch your experiments important?

Rol: These are forms of collaboration that can be important but not decisive.

Gervaso: Is it true that you made diagnosis without clinical data, just looking at or seeing the patient?

Rol: Yes, in the presence of doctors.

Gervaso: Is it true that if some of your warnings had been heard, we would have spared many calamities?

Rol: Yes.

Gervaso: Do you consider yourself a man of science?

Rol: No.

Gervaso: Is your knowledge already part of the science of tomorrow?

Rol: It is difficult to establish the limits of my consciousness,but I am certain that science in the future will reach them and overcome them.

Gervaso: Are your "powers" transmissible and how?

Rol: I said that they are not "powers", but "possibilities"!
These are comprehensible through a careful and humble intuition of their essence.

Gervaso: Have you always been disinterested?

Rol: It's a sine qua non condition.

Gervaso: Why do you refuse controls, verifications?

Rol: Because controls assume what I don't have, the ability to produce phenomena at ease. The ability to produce phenomena voluntarily, they cannot be repeated.
When I am asked to be examined, I try to explain these things, but they seem they don't want or won't.[some not entirely audible words]to understand that.
They call into question an intransigent and precluded science towards what does not seem possible,when instead, it is science's proper duty to be open also to those problems that don't seem to offer ideas to research.

Gervaso: Can science refuse to believe in what it cannot prove itself?

Rol: Yes, but there is nothing, that allows science to deny it.

Gervaso: Rol did you have many contacts with scientists? Or even sporadic contacts?

Rol: For over 50 years I've also been in contact with famous scientists and I was comforted by their disposition to discuss without preconceptions a truth that seemed unacceptable to them.

Speaking of God to scientists, I found comprehensible that some of them replied to me that one day science should be recognized in the same way as today's religions consider God.

It is indisputable that man, for the prerogatives that his intellect allow him, is a kind of divinity in nature.
The miracles he performs by virtue of science aren't they a demonstration of his powers?

Where do these powers come from, if not from his mind?
For me a man of faith, I identify God in the intellect of man,and I am certain that more of a scientist that is a believer will be facilitated in his task, by this thought.

I told myself that if I did not have a religious faith, the only direction in which my mind could turn would be that of science.

Gervaso: You often mention the sacred scriptures. Why?

Rol: The sacred scriptures teach man that God made him in his own likeness,giving him free will, a sense of responsibility, conferring him the consciousness of his high reason for being and a reachable immortality.
But to those who do not believe in those scriptures, why not offer the scientific miracle that already anticipates that wonderful absolute that produce[ambros... for science..not audible].

Gervaso: After all, don't you feel like a heretic? Doing what you say, doing what you do?

Rol: I feel neither heretical nor deluded in this attempt to reconcile so

many discordant thoughts and to open up an alternative way to materialism,and in any case to the loneliness and terror of death.
I believe that, after me, others will want to continue in the search of suitable means to bring science and spirit closer together,something that not yet possible today.

Gervaso: Does truth ultimately triumph in your opinion?

Rol: Always, but without time constraints.

Gervaso: Does revelation explain the endless arcane nature of the universe? It does not, will it answer this last questions?

Rol: He's not explaining it, he lets you get a glimpse of it and that is already a lot for the human mind.

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